

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for applying a substance, for example to the skin of a person, the device comprising:

a container having an open end and a closed end, said container designed to store the substance;

a pierceable barrier positioned proximate said open end of the container for preventing the substance from escaping said container;

an applicator head having a delivery means, a passageway for the substance, and an integrated piercing means, said applicator head communicating with said container for ~~removably~~ attaching the applicator head to the open end of said container and positioning the piercing means proximate said barrier, said delivery means both assists in controlling the flow of the substance and in applying the substance, ~~applicator head including a passageway for delivering the liquid from the container to the delivery means; and~~

wherein said piercing means associated with said applicator head for opening pierces said barrier after said applicator head is attached to the container by manipulating said applicator head with respect to the container, thereby releasing said substance from the container and allowing the substance to flow through the passageway to the delivery means.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said delivery means is an absorbent pad.

3. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 2 wherein said absorbent pad is made of foam.

4. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said delivery means is a hydrophillic absorbent material.

5. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said delivery means is made of terry cloth.

6. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said barrier is a foil liner.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said piercing means ~~for opening~~ is a projection having a ~~piercing element~~ sharp edge.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 7 wherein said barrier is a plug able to be penetrated by said piercing ~~element~~ means.

9. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8 wherein said plug is made of a plastic material.

10. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said container is sized to deliver a single dosage of said substance.

11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said substance is topical medicament for applying to a section of skin.

12. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said substance is topical antiseptic for sterilizing a section of skin.

13. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 12 wherein said topical antiseptic is alcohol.

14. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said container is pre-filled with a pre-measured substance.

15. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said device is sold and/or delivered in a tamper-proof packaging.

16. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said substance is a viscous solution.

17. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~1~~ 16 wherein said substance is a powder.

18. (Previously Presented) An applicator device for dispensing a liquid substance, the device comprising:

a container for storing the liquid substance, the container having an open end and a closed end and a locking ridge that extends from the container proximate the open end for allowing the filling thereof with the liquid substance;

a pierceable barrier over said open end of the container for sealing in the liquid substance;

an applicator head having ~~a cotton~~ an absorbent pad at a first end, locking grips proximate ~~a means for communicating with the open end of the container to secure the applicator head to the container~~ at a second end, an integrated piercing means, and a tubular section for providing a passage between ~~connecting the pad to~~ and the open end of the container;

wherein the tubular section doubles as a handle for allowing a user to grasp and manipulate the applicator head;

said locking ridge and said locking grips communicate with each other means on both when the applicator head is placed on and the container for securing the applicator head to the container and positioning said piercing means in close proximity to the barrier; and

an activation mechanism for moving said piercing means into contact with said barrier in order to pierce said barrier at an appropriate time, to manipulate the applicator head in a specific manner in order to open the barrier, thereby releasing the liquid solution into the tubular section and allowing the liquid solution to be absorbed by the pad.

19. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 16 wherein said substance is a liquid.

20. (New) The device of claim 18 wherein said activation mechanism comprises a tapered flange positioned on the container between said locking ridge and said open end of the container, and a threaded ridge formed in the tubular section of said applicator head positioned between said locking grips and said pad, said threaded ridge communicating with said tapered flange such that when said applicator head is turned with respect to said container the piercing means pierces said barrier.